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U N I V E R S I T Y

Decision depends upon Board approval

Athletics to expand for women

Intercollegiate athletics for women will begin next fall in basketball volleyball, gymnastics, and tennis, if the Board of Directors approves, according to Coach Hugh Groover.

"We've talked previously about such a program, but we were stopped, not knowing how to deal with the dress problem," Groover said. "But we're confident," he continued, "that our girls will be dressing modestly."

"We've been given the go ahead to schedule games by the administration, yet the Board of Directors must okay it."

As a result of Title IX of HEW, full compliance will be necessary within three years in having a women's athletic program in proportion to that of the men's program.

"The money for such a program is not immediately available," Groover explained, "but we're working towards that end."

A budget for the athletic program is under consideration, yet no figures for the expanding athletic department can be determined for next year.

Dr. Harry Olree, professor of physical education, recently attended a national meeting in which the implication of Title IX were discussed. In light of impending decisions, Harding has plans to place membership with the

Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association.

"We've been given the go ahead to schedule games by the administration, yet the Board of Directors must okay it before plans are finalized," Groover said.

Scholarships for the women participating in an intercollegiate program will not be available for next year, Groover commented, due largely to lack of funds for the modification.

Interest in women's athletics was partially generated by the recent recognition of two teams of Harding women. The Searcy Parks and Recreation department sponsored a basketball team which captured runner-up position in state competition.

A volleyball team of Harding women, sponsored by Harding, took second place in an Illinois contest.

"... full compliance will be necessary within three years in having a women's athletic program in proportion to that of the men's program."

The expanding sports program will encourage many women to come to Harding, said Miss Williford.

"It will be hard the first couple of years," she continued, "but it will pay off in the long run."



JOHN SHOWALTER was among the Harding Students who participated in this week's Red Cross Blood Drive. A goal of more than 700 units was set for the drive. Photo by Scobey



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Deans name fall resident assistants

The names of the resident assistants for the fall semester have been released by Maribeth Downing, dean of women, and Eddie Campbell, dean of men.

Resident assistants for Kendall Hall will be Anita Taylor, Debbie Shock, Sharon Lancaster, and Melanie Carter, Maralbe Jewett, Connie Land.

Pattie Cobb assistants are Marilyn Holmes and Barbara Thomas.

Cathy Meiners, Jane Jackson, B. J. Pryor, and Pam Jones, will be in Cathcart. Also Jeannie Tanner, Kathy Potter, Klugh Cowan, and Miriam Pitts, will serve in Cathcart.

Stephens assistants will be Margo McMillin, Kerry McKuen, Beth Huey, Roni Fish, Jan Young, and Brenda Nishwonger.

Also Katy Pryor, Sue Prescott, and Annette Pugh, will work in Stephens.

New Dorm resident assistants will be Linda McClurg, Glenda Tomphar, Michelle Pullara, Jaretta Link, and Janet Graves.

Other resident assistants in the new dorm will be Pat Fielding,

Shelia Rhodes, Jenna DeVore, Kim Curtis, Karol Kennedy, and Beth Brenneman.

For the men's dorms, resident assistants in Armstrong are Randy Mullis, assistant manager, Lot Therrio, Dan Stockstill, Chuck Stilwell, Jim Harding, Peter Masih and Billy McLain.

Serving in Graduate Hall will be Dave Bland, assistant manager, Joe Cardot, Mike Brasher, Paul Kee, Keith Medford, Kevin Ellis, Larry Whisenant, Steve Sherman and

Darrell Pepper.

Assistants for Keller Hall will be Larry Wilson, assistant manager, Mark Burroff, Ray Emerson, Jeff Jackson, Nick Stevens, David Boivie, and Mike Murphy.

Those working in Harbin Hall are King Buchanan, assistant manager, Stan Short, David Vaughn, David Matthews, Mark Trotter, Paul Schlosser, and Gary Oliver.

American Heritage assistants are Gilbert Melson, Jay Trotter and Mike Cravens.

Students elect leaders to fill council positions

Five S.A. cabinet positions were filled Wednesday in the class representative elections, with two run-offs in the sophomore and senior men's race.

Bonnie Ulrey defeated Kandi Schmedel and Shelia Oswald for the women's senior representative position.

Richard Poe defeated write-in candidate Rick Emerson for the junior men's post.

Running unopposed, Diane Goodspeed was elected as the junior women's representative for next year.

The women's sophomore representative winner is Nancy Falmer. She defeated write-in candidate Nancy Roberts. Miss Falmer is an art major from Mt. Vernon, Mo. She is a member of the Tri-Sigma social club.

Roxie Whittemore defeated

incumbant Tom Reynolds, and Randy Sides in the married student representative race.

Perry Gates and David Johnson defeated Mike Grizzell and Paul Kee in the senior men's race. Gates is a physical education and Bible major from Memphis, Tenn. He is a member of the TNT social club. Johnson is from Gadston, Ala. He is a Bible major and a member of Chi Sigma Alpha.

The run-off election being held today is between Tom Capshaw and Mike Pullara. They defeated incumbant Jim Lackie. Capshaw is a Bible and psychology major from Bloomington, Ind., and is a member of TNT. Pullara is a member of Chi Sigma Alpha and is from Searcy. He is a Pre-law major.

Run-off elections will continue today until 5 p.m.

From gridiron to pulpit; Franklin leaves football



Willie Franklin, ex-professional football player, speaks with students following his chapel speech last week. Photo by Scobey

Willie Franklin, professional football player for three years, is "hanging up his cleats" and enrolling in the Christian Communications Program here in August, he said last week in a chapel presentation.

Franklin has been working with Ron Fletcher, freshman football coach for Oklahoma University, and together they came to Harding last Thursday to speak.

Franklin, from San Diego, entered Oklahoma University on a track and football scholarship. In his senior year, in an alumni football game, he met Fletcher who led him to Christ. In the past two years, Franklin himself has led over 40 people to Christ, including some of his fellow athletes.

After graduating with a degree in physical education, Franklin signed a contract with the Baltimore Colts. Later, he signed with the World Football League, playing wide receiver and tight-end.

"I have never sought to be rich," Franklin said, "and when I do something, I do it all the way." Coming to the Christian Communications Program next year, he wants to "spend more consistent time studying the Bible and talking to others."

Franklin would like to preach

full-time after graduation from the program. "We've got to stand up ... and be counted ... and be workers."

While at Oklahoma University, Franklin carried his Bible, "showing people what I was talking about."

"A lot of athletes are searching for something and they can't find it," he said. "... there's a lot of temptation and ridicule."

"Players and coaches alike want to know the Truth," he affirmed. "Christianity is a way of life ... we have opportunities and it is vital to take advantage of them."

Jerry Arnold of the Denver Broncos was one taught by Franklin who became a Christian.

Along with his studies in the preacher's school, Franklin will be coaching at Harding next fall in several sports, he said.

Franklin comes from a large family of eight sisters and two brothers, "and I'm the quarterback," he said jokingly.

He also enjoys writing poetry. In a poem entitled, "Cover Me, Lord" he writes, "... in praying, I pray tall."

Athletics and Christianity complement each other very much, Franklin believes, and "the true Christian athlete must be the example," he concluded.

WSRO brings 'Facts of Life'

WSRO, Women's Student Representative Organization, will sponsor a "Facts of Life" seminar tomorrow morning from 8:30 until noon in the American Heritage Auditorium.

Steve Treat, of Capps Motor Co. in Searcy, will speak on owning and maintaining a car. Bob Kelly, of the business department, will speak on personal finance. Dr. Billy Ray Cox, vice president of the college, will speak on insurance needs and Mike O'Neal, assistant professor of business administration, will talk about the income tax problem of single women.

Opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion... opinion...

Editor envisions hope for next year's leaders

This is the last *Bison* that the 1974-75 editorial staff will put out. Next year's editor will be in charge of the last paper of the semester next week. As we conclude our duties, we can't help but wonder what next year's *Bison* will look like.

Here are a few things we would like to see reported in next year's papers:

We'd like to read that the Student Association has become a vital part of the student body, that every student and administrator considers it an important improvement-making organization. We'd like to see that the S.A. is continually working to meet the real needs of students, including academic needs as well as social needs.

When we get next year's *Bison*, we'd like to read that the women's intercollegiate sports program is flourishing, and that the problems involved in the program are being dealt with calmly and rationally, rather than emotionall.

We'd also like to know that the teacher evaluation program has been effective in helping teachers evaluate and improve their teaching methods.

The most important report we'd like to see is that the difference at Harding is still just that — a difference. That is to say, we'd like to read that the standards of behavior and dress which set us apart from other schools, are still being strictly observed. We want to read that the emphasis is still on improving attitudes, but that set limits are being imposed without exception.

Of course, next year's *Bison* staff will have not control over these matters; they'll be able to report these stories only if the stories take place. Because we love this school that we've represented this year, we hope the stories come through.

Editor's note:

Public "thank-yous" are often trite and boring. They are also sometimes insincere and ineffectual. Realizing these pitfalls, we would, nonetheless, like to extend public appreciation to those of our readers who have served as an endless source of encouragement to this year's staff.

Those letters to the editor, those laughs at Fifth Column, those pats on the back and other expressions of interest are what kept us going.

We know that we didn't meet everyone's needs this year, but we did reach out every Friday, with a part of ourselves. To those of you who reached back, "Thank you," you're what it's all about.

Feedback

Problems in chapel persist

Dear Editor:

Until one speaks, it cannot be determined whether he or she is a wise person or a fool. By their actions, those who have caused the continual disturbance in the balcony during second chapel have placed themselves in the latter category. They have shown their irreverence toward God, God's word and the principles upon which the school was founded. They have also expressed their utter contempt and disrespect for God's people who have participated in chapel services. Due to the magnitude of the offense, I recommend that the administration reprimand the disturbers, place them upon probation until May 9 and expel them from school at the end of the semester (unless the noise continues which would result in immediate expulsion). This should apply to females and males and to athletes and non-athletes. The same ought to be done with those who have snubbed their noses at us by habitually leaving chapel early. Crocodile tears and pseudo-repentance should not alter the decision.

If in response to this letter, I receive some "courageous" mail of the anonymous type, it will not be read.

I am 45 years old, have taught at Harding 16 years and mean exactly what I have written.

Jimmy Allen
Assoc. Professor of Bible

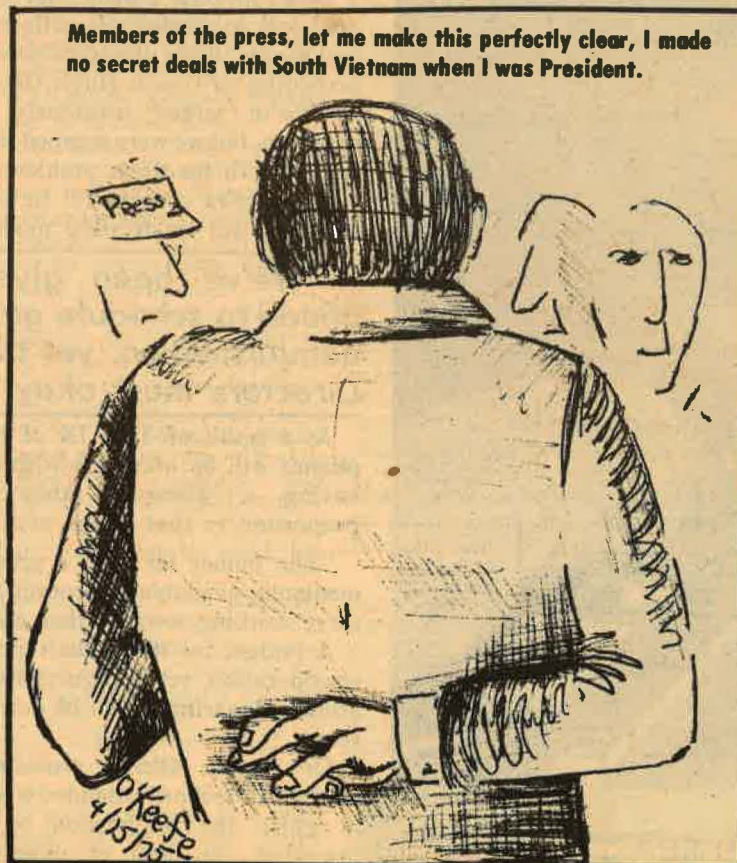
Dear Editor:

I am one of the students who has been seen walking out of chapel before dismissal. At no time have I intended to be disrespectful or to distract from the worship period. I have stayed until the devotional is over so that I would not be guilty of this.

The reasons I have left chapel are numerous, though I will point out the most important reason. After three and a half years of going to chapel, I have grown weary of the constant barrage of one-sided propaganda. I am constantly frustrated because we, the student body, are never enlightened by both sides of an issue. Rather, we are only permitted to hear those views which are supported by our administration. A classic and recent example of this was the anti-ERA speech. While I am basically in agreement with the view held by Brother O'Neal, I firmly believe we are entitled to a presentation by proponents of both sides of the issue.

Looking back on the speakers we have had at Harding, they all seem to be very similar. Typically, they are ultra right-wing, conservative, and Republican. Their doctrine seems to be one of resistance to changes and holding on to "the good ole days."

I would like to see Harding invite more speakers to our campus who have a broader point of view; speakers whose views



Diversion

Truman biography 'plain talk'

By Tim McNeese
Plain Speaking: An Oral Biography of Harry S. Truman by Merle Miller. Berkeley Publishing, 1974.

Missouri, it seems, has a knack for producing prominent, talented young men who develop into prominent, talented old men, who speak with a ready mind and care little about whom they offend. In literature, Mark Twain held such a position; in art, Thomas Hart Benton; in politics, Harry S. Truman. All three held fast to their own interpretations of life until they died, with none of them leaving this world before reaching 75 years of age. Each of these Missourians had the gift of plain speaking, a rare commodity in any state, including the Show-Me.

Merle Miller's book **Plain Speaking: An Oral Biography of Harry S. Truman** truly extracts this quality from the ex-president. Miller talked to Truman in the early 60's for many months, recording on hundreds of hours of tape the dialogue between the two fellow mid-westerners. The result is a portrait of Truman speaking quite frankly and plainly on all the questions given him.

Miller's timing of publication of this book is nearly perfect. With the whole question of presidential power taking a prominent position in America today, Truman's opinions are refreshing and hopeful. He felt the office of the president was given to him by the people to be used for awhile and then to be returned to them in as good a condition as before.

His philosophy of politics was that "the only way free government works is if the men in charge of it have got the welfare of the people in mind at all times. If a man loses sight of that even for a minute, you don't have free government anymore." Ten years before Watergate.

Miller's construction of this book is worthwhile. Written in question and answer form, he provides an adequate soapbox for the opinionated Truman. Obviously he researched Truman extensively before his interviews making it possible for him to keep up with the man, but never shadow him.

Dear Editor:

Have you ever lived without Christian parents? People who blaspheme the very God you live under? Who say they are Christians then turn around and use God's name in vain?

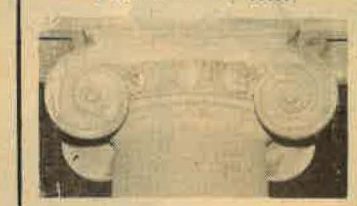
This is a terrible way to live. To have someone tell you are wrong in the way you believe. Who, on purpose hurt you everyday.

Christ is a wonderful person. He lives in us all who believe. When I hear someone complain about how their parents treat them so unfairly, how they make them do things that are so right. This makes me sick. People who have Christian parents, haven't gone through the torture that we children of non-Christians have gone through. These people must be proud that they have Christian parents' that they show them love and understanding of God. We must all stand together and not hurt each other, we must teach the non-Christian how not to blaspheme, how to understand the convictions we have.

We must be proud that we have and know Christ.

Star Meirose Academy Senior

Fifth Column



By Mackye Simpson Sandlin
I can't believe it. My last Fifth Column.

Yes, my year as editor is drawing to a close. Never again will I sit down at my typewriter to pound out another Fifth Column six hours behind the deadline. It really doesn't seem fair. There are so many things I was going to write about, so many little editorial secrets I going to reveal.

Like the fact that my staff members really can't tell the difference when I substitute cat food for the tuna fish in our Tuesday night sandwiches, or the fact that my business manager keeps a pillow on the table in his office.

If I were going to write more Fifth Columns, I would tell about the times I have changed my clothes in my office, always keeping an eagle eye open for intruders, only to discover that my drapes were open. I could tell about the night I sang 32 rousing choruses of 99 Bottles of Beer as a joke, only to discover that a devotional was going on in the chapel down the hall.

So many moments in our office would make great Fifth Columns. Like the time that we sat listening to our telephone answering service recordings for half an hour, rather than thinking about the approaching deadline. Or the time that my Most Improved Journalist Plaque fell off the wall onto my head as I sat at my desk having hysterics over a headline that wouldn't fit.

I could write about the night we left a hold on Page One for the election results, only to learn the next day that the voting machines were broken, and we might not have election results until the next week.

If there were time for more Fifth Columns, I would write about the couple who really tried to rent our darkroom, after we wrote a Fifth Column about campus kissing places.

I could write about the night we lost our proofs between the Print Shop and the Student Center, or I could tell about how we had to type on used typing paper for two weeks because I forgot to pick up our new copy paper.

I could reveal that this year was so bad that one associate editor is leaving, and one is changing her major.

But, this is my last Fifth Column. So I can never tell my readers all these things. I can't even tell about the long hours I spent thinking up these columns, or how much fun I had doing it. It probably wouldn't have been funny anyway.



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LOVE IS IN FULL bloom as new engaged students are getting thrown in the lily pool in celebration of their impending new life. Here Galaxy members help Phil Watson celebrate his recent engagement to Susan Kritz.
Photo by Scobey

Big sisters to coordinate fall welcome activities

The main focus of next year's Big Sister program will be "for the big sisters to be with their little sisters the first few weeks of school, introducing them to other people and integrating them into the campus," said Joneal Shackelford, director of dormitory activities.

Big Sisters, a program designed to help make new women students feel welcome when they arrive on campus, is executed by upperclassmen and is composed of various activities which these girls perform not only during the school year, but also during the summer preceding the fall semester.

These activities include writing letters to the new students during the summer, making welcome signs and having welcome

parties for the little sisters, familiarizing the little sisters with orientation and registration procedures, and also familiarizing them with the campus and rules they need to know, said Miss Shackelford.

"Vicki Hill, who was this year's chairman, will also coordinate the program next year," stated Miss Shackelford.

Other than the opportunity of helping new women students feel welcome and making new friends, there are several benefits in being a big sister such as early registration and priority over rooms in dormitories, she said.

Applications are available in Miss Shackelford's office, located in Patti Cobb.

Mission studies brings Worgan

Frank Worgan from Corby, England, will be the visiting professor of Missions next year, according to Don Shackelford, director of Mission-Prepare program.

Worgan began his preaching career in Aberdene, Scotland, and has also worked in Germany and Holland. He is supported by the Northside Church of Christ in Odessa, Tex.

Coming to Harding with Worgan will be his wife, Isobel, and son, Stephen, who will participate in the preacher's training program before returning to Oxford University, where he has received a full scholarship.

The seventh missionary to take part in Harding's visiting missionary program, Worgan is only the second who is a native of the country in which he performs his missionary work. His job, other than working with the Mission-Prepare program, will consist of teaching freshman, sophomore, and upper level Bible courses.

This year's visiting missionary, Evertt Huffard, who has been a missionary in Jerusalem and Lebanon, will remain here another year as a member of the Bible department. He will, however, return to the Middle East the following year.

"I believe the real strength of Harding's mission program lies in our visiting missionary policy," stated Shackelford.

"It allows the students to learn methods from men from all over the world, and has proved to be so successful that two other Christian colleges have followed our example by establishing similar programs," he added.

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Cathcart adds TV lounge

A television is now in the second floor lounge of Cathcart, the last of the women's dorms to receive a television for the second floor lounge.

According to Beverly Jo Pryor, president of the dorm, the girls living in Cathcart suggested a television for the newly painted second-floor lounge.

Although plans were first begun through WSRO, Miss Maribeth Downing, dean of women, took the suggestion to Lott Tucker, vice president in charge of finance.

The television was purchased at retail price from Nickols Magnavox for \$500. Tucker pledged \$250 to match a sum to be donated by the girls of Cathcart.

"We can hopefully collect the money from the girls this year, otherwise, Cathcart's president next year will have to handle it," explained Miss Pryor.

The television is a 1975 model with a 25 inch screen, Miss Pryor said.

Miss Pryor said that if each girl living in Cathcart could donate \$1, "we could easily pay for the television this year."



Students voted with voting machines from Little Rock, Wednesday in the student representatives class elections.

Photo by Scobey

Dorm director will assume new position

Mrs. Jo Choate, director of the American Heritage dormitory, will assume the position of director of housing June 1.

Mrs. Beth Hibbard, the present housing director, will be moving to Canada at the close of this school year.

Miss Maribeth Downing, dean of women, said that Mrs. Choate's new position will combine three jobs to help cut down in present expenses. In cases of emergency, Mrs. Choate will aid Miss Downing in the dormitories at night. Mrs. Choate will also relieve the dorm mothers on their days off. In addition to these responsibilities, she will be in charge of men and women's housing.

Mrs. Choate came to Harding in the fall of 1974 from Warren, Michigan. Before coming to Harding, Mrs. Choate was the supervisor of 15 girls in the travel department of AAA.

"I love being here and I have really enjoyed this year. I have made a lot of good friends. I will miss living in the Heritage, but I'm looking forward to getting to know even more girls by working in all the girls' dorms," Mrs. Choate said.

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S.A. to revive '50 era

The swinging 50's will hit the Hammond Student Center Sunday night as the Social Affairs committee sponsors an American Graffiti Coffeehouse from 8 to 10 p.m.

According to S.A. co-chairman Suzie Carey decorations will center around the 50's theme with the waiters and waitresses in blue jeans T-shirts, long skirts, bobby socks, and pony tails.

The tables will be decorated with checkered table cloths and

candles. The menu will consist of hot dogs, five flavors of ice cream, and lemonade, and according to Miss Carey, "We will not run out of food."

Tickets will be sold in front of the student center in David Ozbirn's 57 chevy for 25 cents. The tickets will cover 25 cents worth of food.

Miss Carey added that a band will be present to play tunes from the 50's.

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Three couples announce plans for summer weddings

Miss Jeanne Ellen Glasgow will become the wife of Terry Boyd Siverd May 16 at the Church of Christ in Lynnville, Tenn.

Miss Glasgow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glasgow of Lynnville, Tenn., is a senior home economics major.

Siverd is a senior majoring in Bible. He is also a member of the Knights social club.

The couple will reside in Searcy until graduation, December 1975. Siverd will then enroll in graduate school at Abilene, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hammond of Washington, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene, to Tom Williams of Oden, Ark.

Miss Hammond is a junior home economics major and a member of the Kappa Delta social club.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams of Oden. He is a junior physical education major and a member of the Alpha Omega social club.

The wedding will take place at the Hammond residence on Aug. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton William Whitten of Bay Minette, Ala., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Katherine, to Gregory Dean Blake, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger O. Blake of Sterling, Colo.

Miss Whitten is a junior psychology major and is assistant business manager of the Petit Jean. She is also a member of the Theta Psi social club.

Blake is a junior Bible major and a member of the Sigma Tau Sigma social club. He is also a two-year letterman on the track team.

The wedding will be May 10 in Shores Chapel.

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Senior deviates from traditional

Bixler transforms term paper

By Susan Bradley

Did someone mention term papers? To many students a paper represents weeks of procrastination, dread and anxiety. Then the inevitable drudgery of endless trips to the library begins, along with many headaches, crumpled pieces of paper hurled in the trash can, and the final night of sleepless agony while one puts the finishing touches on his creation.

One student has found an interesting means of fulfilling his term paper requirement minus the usual type of pain and work involved. As a result, the play *Under Milkwood* by Dylan Thomas, will be presented in the Little Theatre April 28 and 29 with performances at 6:00 and 8:00, respectively.

Tim Bixler, senior Speech major, came up with the idea of presenting the play in place of a term paper for his British Lit. class under Dr. Dennis Organ, Assistant Professor of English.

"I was going to do my term paper on Thomas because I think he is a fantastic poet," Bixler said. "However, using a speaking production and including other people in a performance of a poet

or writer seems to me to be a much more useful thing to do. We're also giving several very talented young people — newcomers to our campus — an opportunity to develop their acting talent. All the set design, building, publicity, program designs — everything — is being done by the students. We're even going to try to pay our own bills."

The play, supervised by Organ and Dr. Jack Ryan, associate professor of speech, is an academic exercise which will be presented in corroboration with the Speech and English Departments. Voices will be Kathy Caldwell, senior; Robert Williams, junior; Debbie Geiger, sophomore; and freshmen, Tom Lawson, Gloria Shoop and Marty Knight.

Under Milkwood is a moving and hilarious account of a spring day in a small Welsh coast town, including dreams and ghosts before dawn and a bawdy night preceded by the rain of dusk. Thomas completed the play just before his death in 1953.

Bixler feels strongly that Thomas needs to be heard to be understood. He said, "Much of the criticism against him since

his death has been due to the fact that what you see on paper is intended to be heard, not read."

Organ is pleased with the idea of the production. "Since Bixler is a Speech major," he said, "I feel he will benefit much more from this type of experience. It is a learning experience which is of practical benefit as well since he is interested in theatre."

"Bixler will learn lessons in directing also, which will be of more practical value than doing a paper. He certainly isn't getting out of any work, but is learning more," Organ said.

"In addition to this production," Organ continued, "Bixler will be giving an oral report on Thomas' poetry, as well as submitting an annotated bibliography which the other students are doing with their papers."

Bixler said, "The most rewarding part of this work is recognition of the fact that it is a cooperation between two of the humanity departments. Also many English students and others will have an opportunity to hear and see a literary work as it was meant to be seen."

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Netters shut out Ouachita Baptist, Henderson

The Bison netmen kept their sights on the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Tennis title as they crushed two more league opponents in double dual action last week in Arkadelphia.

Harding defeated Henderson State 7-0 then belted Ouachita Baptist 9-0 for the Bisons fifth shut-out of the conference challenger. Only Southern State and Central Arkansas have scored on the Bisons in dual competition.

The double victory improved Harding's standard to 16-5, the best since the Bisons won back-to-back titles in 1968-69. Although encouraged by his team's excellent showing this far into the season, coach David Elliott tempers his optimism with the knowledge that "you can win every match of the year and it really doesn't mean a thing in the AIC finals in May. We look pretty good for our record but how we do

in the conference tournament determines how we will finish for the year."

Against Henderson State, Brad Dell began the sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 pasting of Mark Pelton. Tim Oldham followed with a 6-3, 6-3 decision over Craig Lard while David Cannon handled Kevin Jones 6-0, 6-3. Jeff Smith whipped Ray Stinnett 6-2, 6-4 and Charles Ganus destroyed Van Baker 6-0, 6-1 to complete the singles sweep.

In doubles, Dell-Smith rolled past Pelton-Stinnett 6-1, 6-3 and Cannon-Oldham cruised by Ward-Jones 6-3, 6-3.

Although shut out 9-0, Ouachita demonstrated surprising strength as they appear greatly improved from their next to last place finish of a year ago. The Tigers pushed the Bisons into extra sets in half of the singles contests while the doubles competitors were forced into extra point sets.

Brad Dell again opened the Bison scoring with an opening victory, getting by Ed Danner 3-6, 7-5, and 6-4. Oldman continued the string with a 6-0, 6-2 conquest of Jim Bob Hightower. Finishing out the sweep was Cannon with his 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 defeat of Ross Grant; Smith with his narrow 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 decision against Bill Vining, (who plays quarterback for the Tigers in the fall, a position Smith also fills), Ganus as he smashed John Gibson 6-0, 6-1 and finally with Rick Adkins's 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Steve Halter.

Completing the whitewash in doubles was Smith-Dell as they edged Danier-Vining 7-5, 6-4; Oldham-Cannon with their decisive 7-5, 6-0 victory over Gibson-Hightower and Ganus-Adkins 6-3, 6-3 win over Grant-Halter.

Three Bisons are undefeated in conference competition this season, led by David Cannon's 8-0

mark. Jeff Smith has a 6-0 mark, 12-2 overall while Bob Helsten maintains a 6-0 AIC mark, 12-0 overall. Brad Dell is 4-2 in the league while Tim Oldham is 6-2 and Charles Ganus is 7-1.

Harding has been rained out twice in their attempts to test top Harding has been rained out twice in their attempts to test top AIC championship contender Hendrix College. The Warriors have not lost a match this season and are considered by Elliott,

"the team to beat."

"With Ouachita's strong showing, Hendrix's known toughness and talented teams such as Central Arkansas and Southern State, This years conference should be real interesting," Elliott reflected, "anything could happen."

The Bisons are in their last two weeks of regular season competition with the AIC finals scheduled for May 1-2-3 in Arkadelphia.

Rampton, gymnasts dominate competition, capture first Arkansas AAU championship

Harding College and Bill Rampton celebrated their first appearance in the Arkansas State Men's Gymnastics Championships with a successful performance as both the team and Rampton captured top honors in the team and individual divisions.

This year was the first year that the state meet has ever been held and coach Karyl Bailey hopes it will be the start of better things for the sport for Arkansas.

Rampton was the best all-around performer as he won the pommel horse, parallel bars, horizontal bars, and placed second in the floor exercise and the vault. The athlete from Naperville, Illinois was assisted by his high school teammate, Keith Davidson who finished third in the overall excellence with his second place standing in the parallel bars and his third place finished in the pommel horse, horizontal bar, and floor exercise.

Others contributing to the Bison cause were Roger Ulm with his third place in the vaulting competition and Bruce Butterfield with his third place finish in the rings.

Bailey is quite optimistic about the future of the sport in Arkansas stating that "gymnastics is a booming sport among women and in thing that the sport's popularity is beginning to overflow into the men's interest. At the present the men are five years behind the women."

Three AIC schools participated with Southern State and Central

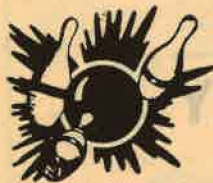


Bill Rampton won first places in the pommel horse, parallel bars, and the horizontal bar to receive the best all around award.

Arkansas being on hand as well as the Bisons. In the final tabulation, Harding was declared the meet winner with 79.52 followed by Arkansas-Little Rock with 59.38. Southern State was fourth with 25.14, Central Arkansas fifth with 21.04 while the University of Arkansas was in sixth with 14.36.

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Lambdas outroll Mohicans for title



Lambda Sigma defeated Mohicans to win the 1974-75 overall bowling trophy.
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Lambda Sigma came up with excellent performances by Richard Johnson and Fred Morgan to sweep all three games and post a 2,879-2,793 victory over Mohicans in the finals of the club roll-off championships.

Mohicans, the fall semester champion, had to face Lambda Sigma, who captured top honors this spring for the overall title.

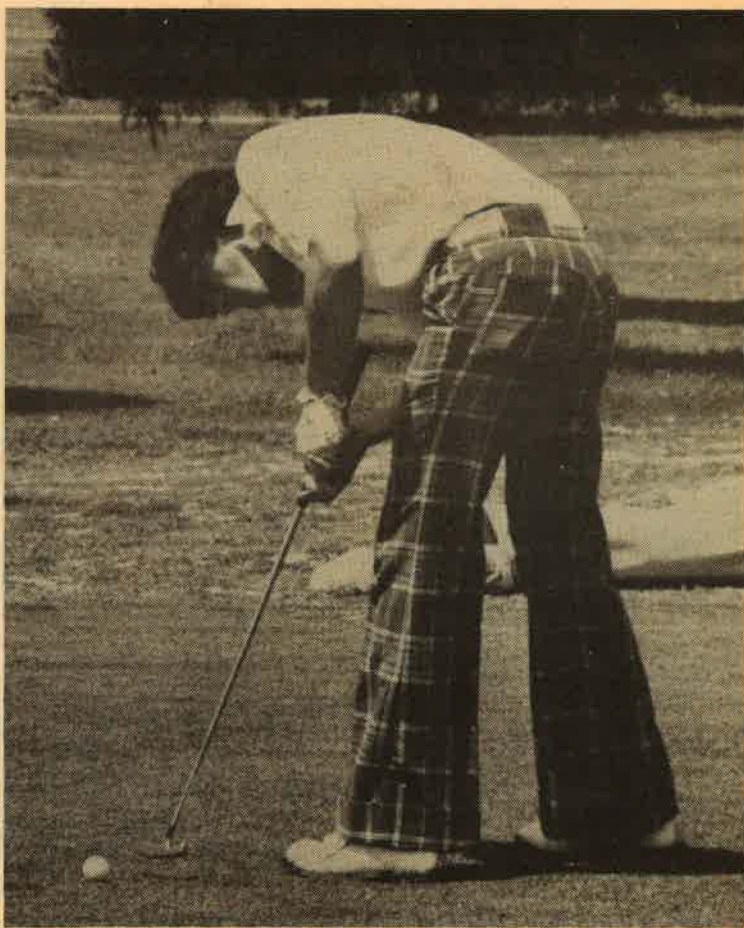
Lambdas held a 136-108 per game handicap advantage but managed to beat the Mohicans on scratch scores, 2,471 to 2,469. Although the small club champs won all three games in the overall roll-offs, the total pinfall alone determines the victor.

The '74-'75 champs took a 946-907 edge after the first game and then expanded the margin to 1,007-971 after two games. Fred Morgan led the way for Lambdas with back-to-back games of 184 and 211 with Richard Johnson rolling games of 167 and 178 to add to the surge. Mohicans kept close with Basford rolling 177-195, Byron Hagler knocking down 188-187 and anchorman Tom Jones tallying counts of 165 and 200.

Mohicans, although losing all three games, made a game of it in the last contest with a triple by Perry Been and a double by Doug White to chop the overall margin to a scant 40 pins with five frames left to go in the contest. Lambdas rose to the challenge however in the last five frames with Morgan and Greg McCubbin coming up with five straight marks while Robby Harris, Don Belcher and Johnson picked up four to beat off the Mohican charge. Belcher had the high game for Lambdas in the final with a 183 while Johnson was close behind with a 179.

Morgan had the high game of the evening with a 211 while Jones was second best with a 200.

Last week in the spring finals, Lambdas defeated Alpha Tau to earn the right to meet Mohicans.



Rookie golfer Jeff Price paced the Harding golf team at the Searcy Country Club during a triangular meet with Hendrix and UCA.
Photo by McGee

Price sparks linksters

The Harding College linksters, led by rookie golfer Jeff Price, played their best match of the season in a triangular meet at the Searcy Country Club.

Although placing third behind Hendrix and Central Arkansas, the Bisons are hopeful of a much improved finish in the AIC golf tournament next week. Hendrix won the match with a 277 total followed by UCA with 291, and Harding with 299.

Jeff Price continued his role as the number one Bison golfer, matching par with a 70. John Patterson of Hendrix was the medalist with a torrid 65. In head to head competition with Patterson, Price fell behind by five 32-37 on the first nine holes but birdied the 12th, 14th, and 15th holes on the return nine to stay close.

Other outstanding golfers were Greg Dunseth of Central Arkansas with a 69, and Les White of Hendrix also with an 18 hole total of 69. Bill Fowler was the number two Bison, finishing eighth overall with a five over par 75. Mike Emerson finished with a 76, and Rick Emerson with 78.

Hendrix, the heavy favorite to capture top AIC honors this season, recorded one of the best, matches that a college team has ever played at the county club. The team total of 277 was three strokes below par, quite a remarkable feat.

Although finishing in last, head coach Phil Watkins felt that "we've made a lot of progress this year. We've played these teams as close as we've ever played them and I expect a good effort from our boys next week in the AIC-NAIA 17 finals."

The Bisons will play in the conference finals next week in Benton.



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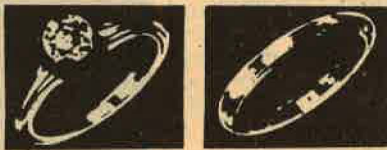
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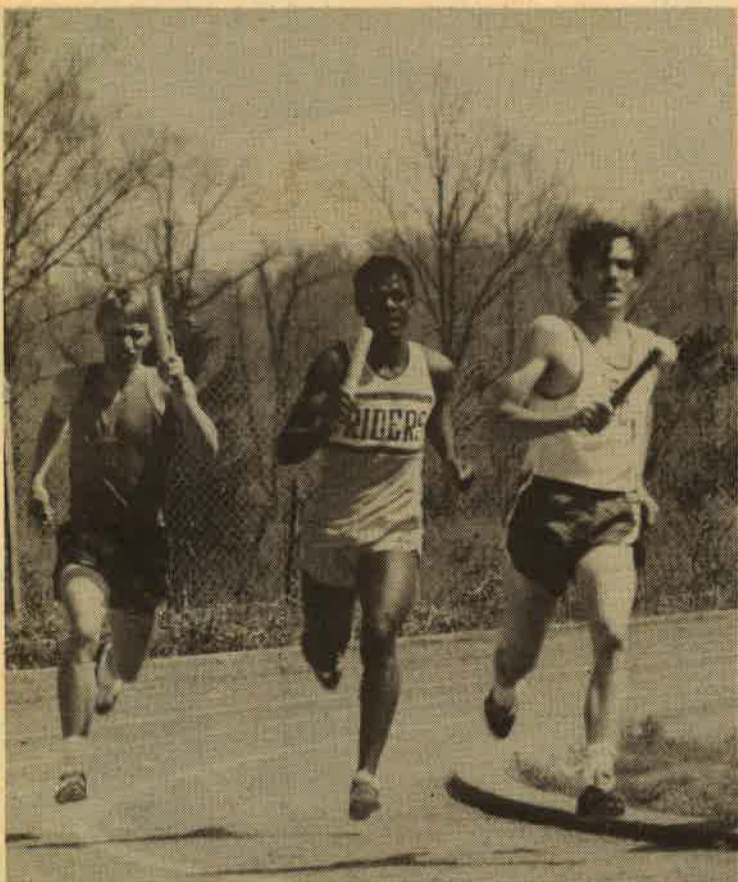
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Sophomore Mike O'Keefe pulls out around to challenge Southern State in recent competition.

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Thinclads place at Tech

The Bison thinclads continued to improve in a number of events as they participated in the annual Arkansas Tech Relays recently.

Although the team was limited with the absence of standouts such as Steve Flatt, Steve Celsor, Mark Galeazzi and Robert Harper who were in Knoxville, Tenn., competing in the Dogwood Relays, the squad managed to make a creditable showing.

Although finishing only fourth, Joe Shepherd ran perhaps the most outstanding race for Harding with a 4:16.8 clocking in the mile run. Shepherd's time made him the fifth best miler in Harding's history with a number of talented athletes included in that list. Although faster than the time that won last year's AIC mile, Shepherd must contend with one of the toughest conferences around in that event.

Willie Williams came close to the Bison 440 dash record as he stepped off the distance in a sparkling 49.3. His effort placed him in third place and ahead of all other conference entries.

Leon White set seasonal bests with his finishes in the 120 highs and 440 intermediate hurdles. White recorded 15.3 in the highs for fourth while posing a 56.3 clocking in the intermediates for a fifth place finish.

Tim Baur finished fifth in the discus with a 134-11 effort while Darryl Bassett picked up

valuable points in the long jump with a leap of 21-1½, good enough for third. Other scorers in the field events were Greg Blake with a runner-up finish in the triple jump with a 44-3¼ performance.

Three-miler Kent Johnson recorded a 15:06.3 to grab the fifth spot to round out the Bisons individual scoring.

All three relay quartets turned in fine performances led by the mile relay's second place finish. The quarter milers blazed to a new seasonal best of 3:24.2 to finish behind Central Arkansas's record setting unit. Harding picked up fifth places in the 440 and 880 relays with efforts of 43.0 and 1:31.4. The 440 timing was the best Harding has had this year.

Next Saturday the Bisons will travel to Memphis to participate in the Southwestern University Relays in final preparation for the AIC Track and Field championships to be held May 1-2 in Arkadelphia.

Although Ouachita has won the crown for the past three years, Central Arkansas appears on the verge of retiring the title for themselves for the first time in several years. Although finishing a disappointing seventh last year, Harding will enter the meet with a much improved squad. As Coach Lloyd puts it, "we should do much better."

Herd crushes Scots 14-0, 7-4

By John McGee

The Bisons retained their lofty standing in the AIC baseball ratings as they kept their record unblemished by virtue of impressive 14-0 and 7-4 victories over Arkansas College in double-header action last week.

Vince Adams picked up his fourth win of the year in the opener against no defeats. As well as swinging an effective bat the sophomore from St. Louis fanned 10 batters while limiting the Scots to seven hits.

After going scoreless the first two innings, the Bisons broke out on top in the third with a pair of runs to break the 0-0 deadlock. Harding expanded its lead in the fourth as the slugging Bisons exploded for five runs. All nine reached the batters box with batters, Lynn Chaffin, Perry Brown, and Ordie Copeland poling home runs to spark the attack.

The lead went to 9-0 when two more runners dented the plate in the fifth as the Bisons threatened to blow Arkansas College off the field. The Bisons nearly did just that with another offensive display that netted them an additional five runs.

Scott Langham started the inning by being struck by a pitch followed by an error which allowed David Morris to reach first safely with Langham advancing to second. Dirk Allison hit safely to load the bases with Brown at the plate. Trying to pitch carefully to Brown, the Scott pitcher issued a bases loaded pass to push across the Bisons tenth run. After the Scots picked up a pair of quick outs on a fly out and a force at home, Chaffin applied what amounted to be the coup-de-grace as slammed a pitch far over the wall for a grand slam.

Harding struck earlier in the nightcap, as Adams and Langham belted back to back

homeruns for a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Adams increased the lead further in the fourth inning as Adams hit his eighth home run shot of the year, this time with a man on to boost the Bison advantage to 4-0 in the top half of the inning.

The Scots came back in the bottom of the inning to end their ten inning scoring drought. The Scot's Mike Hagan stroked a single then stole second base, going to third on a subsequent wild pitch. James added to the pressure on the Bisons as he walked and stole second with the attempt allowing Hagan to score. Ricky Robertson rifled a single to score James Andrews while cutting the Bisons advantage to 4-2. Arkansas College edged still closer sixth inning when a double off the bat of Herbert Casey drove in their third run.

Harding dashed all hopes the Scots were harboring for a victory with a three run outburst in the top half of the seventh inning. Dirk Allison started the last inning with a single and stolen base, followed by a walk to Brown. Butch Gardner entered the game as a pinch runner and

promptly ignited a double steal with both runners safely advancing. Tony Sneed was thrown out on a grounder but drove in Allison from third. Ordie Copeland ripped a base hit to score Gardner from third then scored himself moments later on a safety by Chaffin.

Having one of the better days of his careers, Chaffin picked up three hits in as many attempts while drawing three walks. In addition, the senior letterman picked up five RBI's.

The Bisons closest competition in the AIC is Southern State who are in second with a 6-2 record behind the Bisons perfect 8-0 mark. Presently in third place in the conference is Central Arkansas with a 5-3 standard.

The Bisons lead the AIC by two full games with half the conference games completed. Although the Bisons have beaten their nearest competitors twice, Southern State, Harding still has the toughest part of the schedule to go through. The Herd will tackle Arkansas Tech tomorrow and will play Ouachita, Central Arkansas and defending champion Henderson over the next two weeks.

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